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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management
FROM: [redacted]
Program Assessment Office
SUBJECT: OMB Cross-cut on Technology Development

We have received the attached informal OMB request for information to support their technology development cross-cut analysis. I talked this over with [redacted] and we have some reservations about responding to the request for the following reasons:

1. Conflicts with other ongoing budget activities
2. No authoritative DCI program at this time
3. Program data already provided via budget submission--let OMB dig it out
4. Request for '78 and prior data will be difficult to satisfy and of doubtful value
5. PD-42 directs the PRB to take steps to enhance technology transfer between the sectors. The OMB effort appears to duplicate the PRB study.

If you agree with our position, we recommend that you call OMB and make the above five points. You can also point out that the only useful input would be a breakout of basic R&D support items for FY 79-84 and we will take steps to provide it. If you choose instead to comply fully with the request, let us know and we will proceed accordingly.

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Attachments:

1. 13 October 1978 Memo from [redacted] Technology Development
2. 18 August 1978 Ltr from OMB, [redacted] to DCI
3. 1 September 1978 Memo from D/DCI/RM to OMB, R. Jayne
4. Undated Memo from OMB, D. Taft, to [redacted]

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